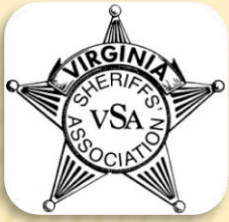


# **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH**

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## ***Sheriffs are Primary Law Enforcement in 86 counties***

- \* Serve Emergency Custody Orders (ECO) – *PRIMARY LAW ENFORCEMENT***
  - 4 hours/plus 2 hours
- \* Serve Temporary Detention Orders (TDO) – *ALL SHERIFFS***
- \*Provide Transportation**
  - This is a Public Safety Issue, but
  - This Service is not always a public safety issue
  - Alternative transportation should be used where possible
- \*Sheriffs typically use office space (Example: Library) to hold the patients**

# ***Calendar Years 2010, 2011, 2012***

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***= 16,053 Transports***

***= 63,322 Transport Hours***

*Based on 3 hours for in jurisdiction transports and 4.5 hours for out of jurisdiction transports, one deputy.*

***= 72 FTE Deputy Sheriff Positions Needed***

*Based on current statutory hours – two deputies*

*\*\*Source: Compensation Board*

***= Currently the law enforcement standard for sheriffs of 1:1500 is short by 168 deputy sheriffs in 49 counties***

# *Jail Issues*

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*Local & Regional Jails are housing approximately  
30,000 inmates per day*

*6,000 are in need of mental health services*

*3,000 + are in **SERIOUS** need of mental health services*

# ***Significant drain on Sheriff's Office resources in all localities.***

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## **Recommendations:**

- **Survey all Law Enforcement agencies to determine true impact**  
For example: How many ECO's; TDO's; Officers involved, Time Consumed
- **Establish an automated system to readily identify available beds**
- **Find additional beds to relieve the jails, provide 50% construction reimbursement cost and staff appropriately, in lieu of 50% construction reimbursement costs for regional jails**
- **Drop off centers work well and need expanding**